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BOOK REVIEWS

METHODS AND PRINCIPLES

Man and his Past. O. G. S. CRAWFORD. Oxford University Press: London, 1921. 227 pp.

The large number of books on anthropological subjects now appearing in England is marked by one well above the average of these publications. While based almost entirely on a study of Roman roads in England, it is an excellent text book for archaeological students in any country. The author starts with the idea of the earliest flint implements as "extra-corporeal limbs" and traces the factor of tools in the development of man.

The content of archaeology is treated fully and the alliance between anthropology and history is brought out in a way second only to that in James Harvey Robinson's *New History*. The common sense approach to field methods, the isolation of periods from the study of types, the intensive examination of regions and cultures are all worthy of mention. The time aspect of archaeology is contrasted with the space aspect of geography. There is an important chapter on "Value" in archaeology. The author writes entertainingly on the suggestion of General Pitt Rivers that the word "importance" be excluded from scientific dictionaries.

Another chapter on "Distributions" as showing areas of habitation in contrast to trade specimens, and the interpretation of chance finds are subjects useful in any field. The illustration of his methods by the work on Roman roads is clear and concise. This book, although perhaps not intended as a work on field methods, may well take its place along with other books on this subject of a far more technical nature.

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AMERICA

Mythology of All Races. Vol. XI: *Latin-American Mythology.* HARTLEY BURR ALEXANDER, Ph. D., Professor of Philosophy, University of Nebraska. Marshall Jones Co.: Boston, 1920. Pp. xvi, 424, 2 figs., 42 pls.

As in the companion volume of this series on North America, the author has amply fulfilled his purpose of presenting the mythical